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**NIDA Announces 2012 Avant-Garde Award for Medications Development**

NIDA's [Dr. Nora D. Volkow](#) will announce the winner of the 2012 [Avant-Garde Award for Medications Development](#) during the XIX International AIDS Conference in Washington, DC. This research competition, now in its third year, is intended to stimulate high-impact research that may lead to groundbreaking opportunities for the prevention and treatment of drug abuse. This year's winner will receive \$1,000,000 per year for five years in research support.

**WHO:** Dr. Nora D. Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

**WHAT:** NIDA's 2012 Avant-Garde Award for Medications Development

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 25, 2012  
4:00 p.m. EDT

**WHERE:** [XIX International AIDS Conference](#)  
[Walter E. Washington Convention Center](#) (WCC)  
Media Center – Hall A, Lower Level, Press Conference Room 3 (PCR 3)\*

*\*Access to the Media Centre is strictly limited to accredited journalists.*

Dr. Volkow will also speak at the “New Frontiers in NIH AIDS Research” satellite session on Sunday, July 22 from 11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. EDT in Session Room 6 of the WCC.

For more information, or to arrange an interview with Dr. Volkow, please contact NIDA's press team: [media@nida.nih.gov](mailto:media@nida.nih.gov) or 301-443-6245. Follow NIDA on Twitter during XIX International AIDS Conference at [@NIDAnews](#).

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NIDA is part of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and supports most of the world's research on the health aspects of drug abuse and addiction. The Institute carries out a large variety of programs to inform policy and improve practice. Click [here](#) to view NIDA's media guide.

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